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Skelton and Ryan Address Democratic Support for Defense on House Floor

Washington D.C.—Today Congressman Ike Skelton (MO), Ranking Member on the House Armed Services Committee, and Congressman Tim Ryan (OH), member of the committee, spoke on the House floor to express Democratic support for our men and women in uniform.

(FULL STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED)

Rep. Skelton

“...I know I speak for all House Democrats in saying we support our troops, but what’s important for everyone to understand is that supporting the troops is more than just a bumper sticker. It means giving them the best possible leadership, the finest training, up to date and working equipment, and protective body and vehicle armor—we in Congress have a duty to ensure they have all the tools they need to be successful on the battlefield. We also have a duty to provide for their families while they are deployed in service to our great nation. We have a duty to take care of the families of those who are killed and of those who are wounded...”

Rep. Ryan

“We support making sure (our troops) have the equipment and training to ensure they succeed in Iraq, Afghanistan and wherever else our nation may call upon them to serve. And we support taking care of their families here in the states while they are deployed. We can’t do that in a smart, cost effective way that protects the taxpayers without a plan for success in Iraq and honest budgeting for the military departments.”

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